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LET'S PLAY

What's wrong with
this picture?



















The resurrection **MATTERS**.
It makes a **HUGE DIFFERENCE** (to our faith) if
Jesus did not rise from the dead!



If Jesus DID NOT rise again...
We have nothing to celebrate



If Jesus DID NOT rise again...
Jesus claims are untrue



If Jesus DID NOT rise again...
We are stuck with our sin

1 Corinthians 15:14 (NIRV)

¹⁴ And if Christ **has not been raised**, what we preach doesn't mean anything. **Your faith doesn't mean anything** either.





Christ really
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Jesus **IS ALIVE**. He **HAS RISEN!**

1 Corinthians 15:20



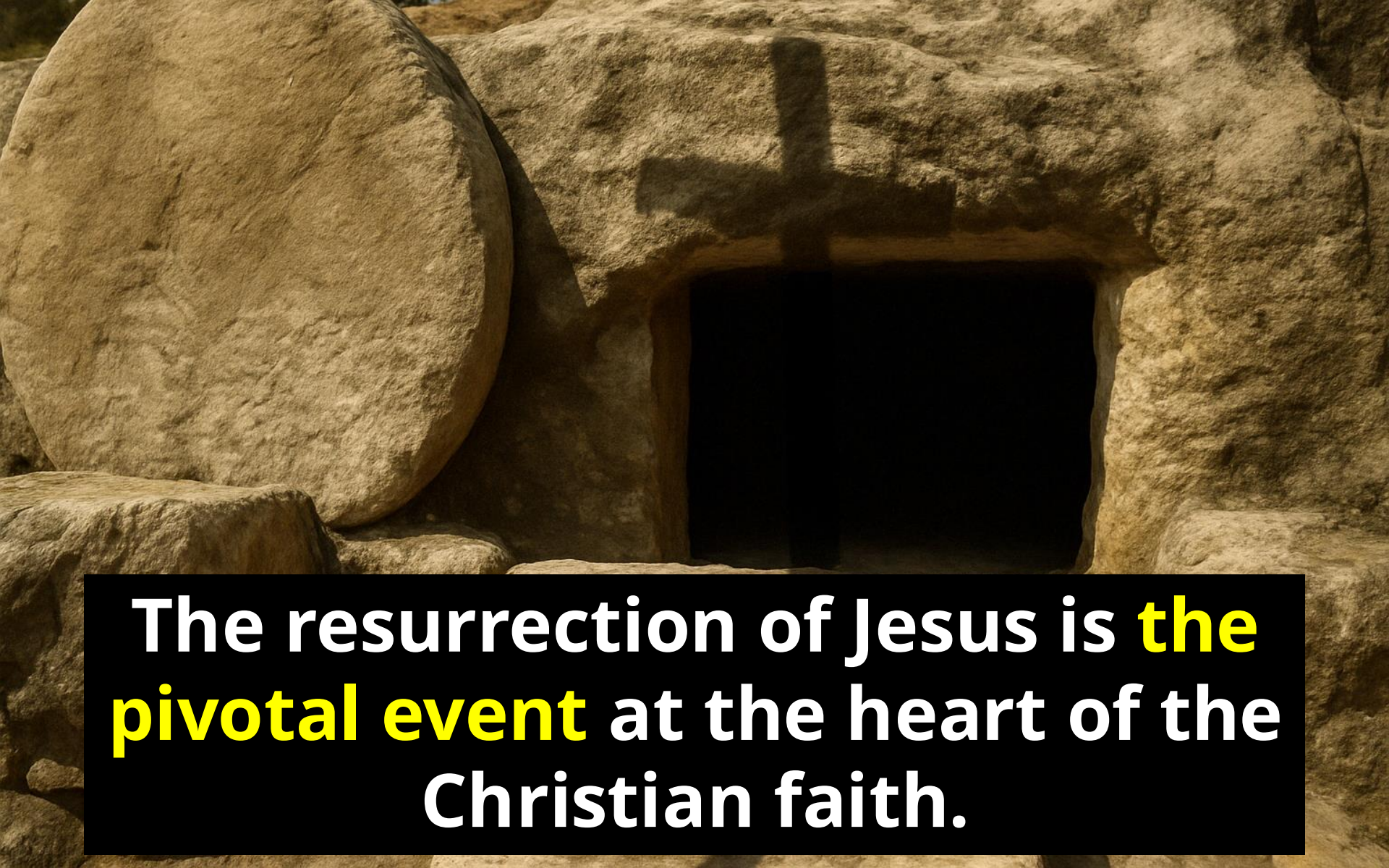
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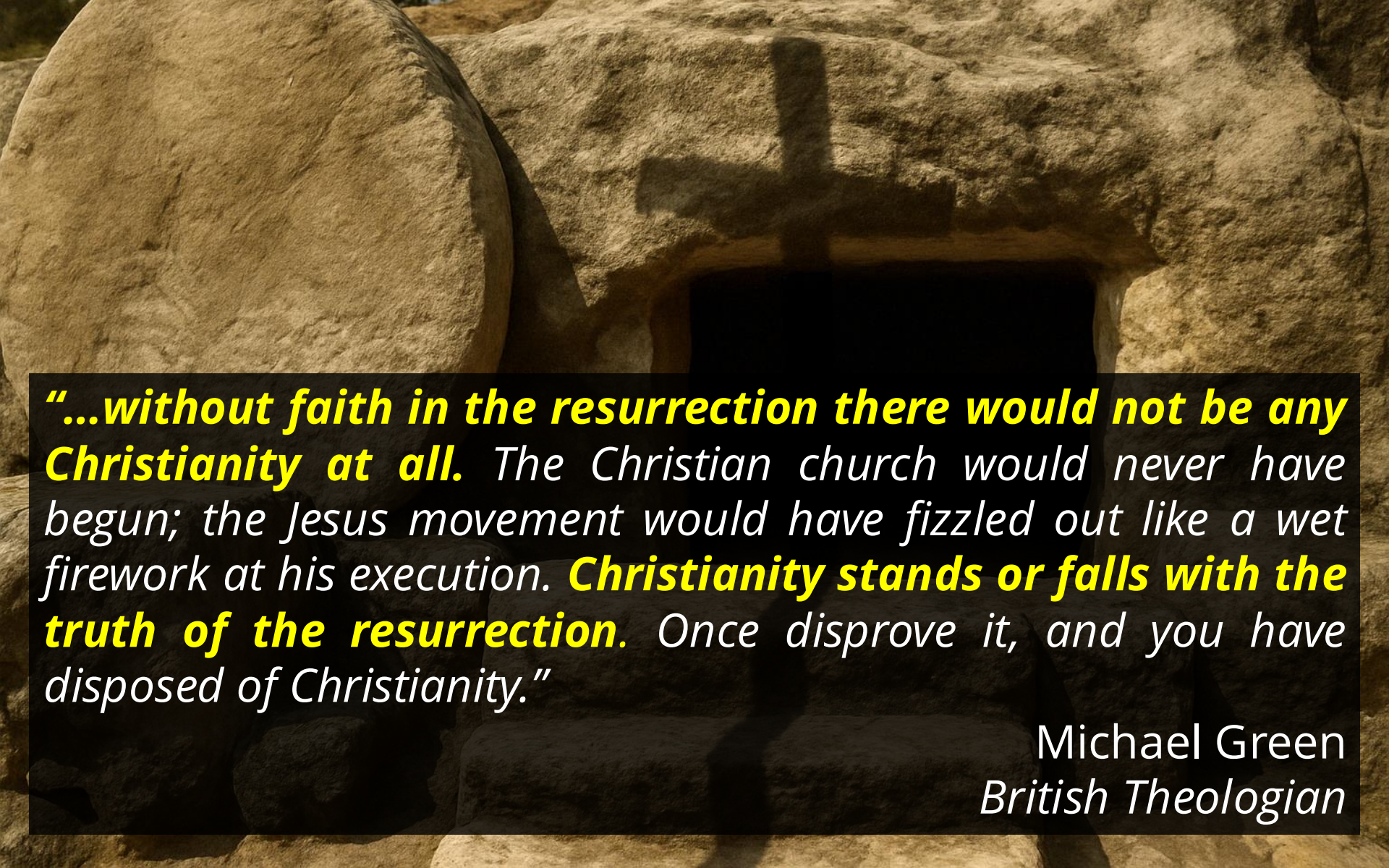


Some things **REALLY MATTER.**





The resurrection of Jesus is **the pivotal event** at the heart of the Christian faith.

A photograph of a large, light-colored stone with a cross carved into it, set against a dark background. The stone is weathered and has a rough texture. The cross is a simple, bold design. The background is dark and out of focus.

“...without faith in the resurrection there would not be any Christianity at all. The Christian church would never have begun; the Jesus movement would have fizzled out like a wet firework at his execution. Christianity stands or falls with the truth of the resurrection. Once disprove it, and you have disposed of Christianity.”

Michael Green
British Theologian

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¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.



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¹ Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

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People



God

Sin separates
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*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, **how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!**"*

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 - *The claims of Jesus depend on Him being truthful. (cf. Mark 8:31)*

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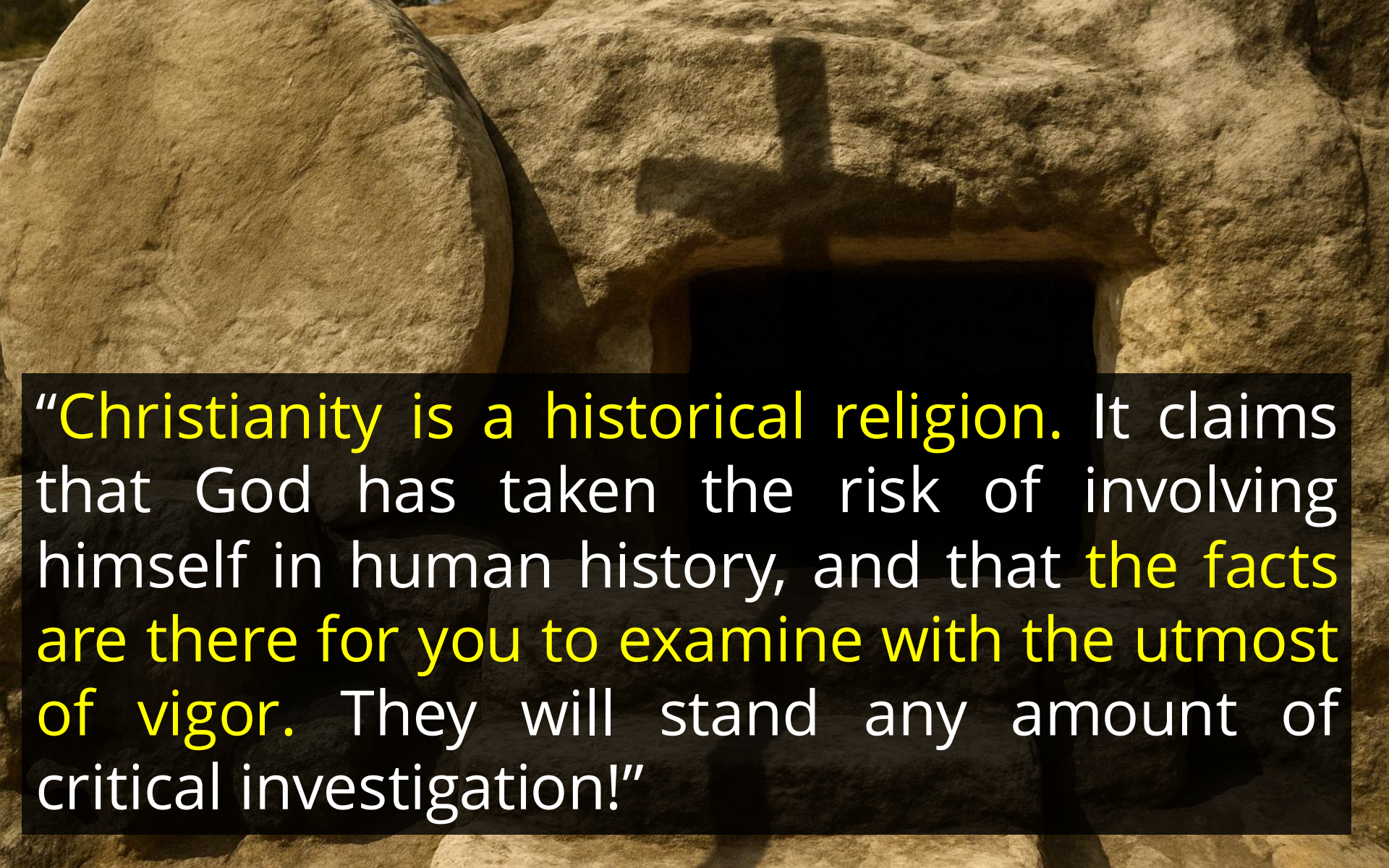
²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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A photograph of a stone archway, likely a tomb entrance, with a cross carved into the rock above the opening. The stone is light brown and textured. A large, dark shadow of the cross is cast onto the rock above the archway. The background is dark and indistinct.

“Christianity is a historical religion. It claims that God has taken the risk of involving himself in human history, and that the facts are there for you to examine with the utmost of vigor. They will stand any amount of critical investigation!”

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⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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5. **Our message is WORTH SHARING** (v.14-15).
 - *Good news of hope, joy & peace for all who would trust in Jesus!*



**Does the resurrection matter to
you?**



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